[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) Have the Government any objection to give copies of the necessary records to the parties and to hear them before passing orders fixing the assessment?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. The enquiry in *karampathippu* cases is now governed by the *Karampathippu* Rules, dated the 26th July, 1914, printed at pages 1238 to 1242, *Land Revenue Manual*, Volume II.

(*c*) Copies of unobjectionable records can be granted to the parties. Under the *Karampathippu* Rules, it is not obligatory that the parties should be personally heard by the deciding officer (the Peishkar) before fixing the assessment. It is, however, open to that officer to hear the parties in individual cases, if he is satisfied as to the necessity for doing so.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: What objection is there on the part of Government to hear the parties before the taxes are fixed?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is not obligatory on the part of the deciding officer to hear the parties before he fixes the assessment.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: Is it not one of the fundamental principles of law that a party should be heard before a case is decided by a deciding officer?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is open to the deciding officer to hear persons. If the party wishes to be heard, the officer will have no objection. But the rules do not provide for it.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: My point is whether the rules should not make such a provision.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: In that case the rules will have to be modified.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: Are the Government prepared to take steps?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice.

Milk Supply in Trivandrum.

61. MR. TRIVIKRAMAR VASUDEVAR: (*a*) Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that the system of milk supply in the town of Trivandrum is quite insanitary and undesirable?

(*b*) (i) Have the Government made any arrangement or provision for the supply of pure milk, with a view to ensure the public health of the Capital?

(ii) If not, will they consider the matter and do the needful?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) (i) Suitable bye-laws have been passed by Government under clause (12) (*a*) and (*b*) i, ii, iii, of Section 244 of Regulation V of 10 for trade in dairy produce in the town of Trivandrum.

(ii) The matter is one within the purview of the Trivandrun Municipal Council.

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